Grading Rubric for Rough Draft \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/50 points

You will get a writing project grade of up to 50 points based on your completion of the rough draft. It must be typed to earn any credit and be submitted by Friday, January 16, 2015.

**Lead, topic sentences, thesis statement:\_\_\_\_/10 pts**

* Is the lead thematic, and does it introduce an important idea that flows through the essay? (4 pts)
* Is the thesis statement a complex statement that mentions at least 2 different parenting styles and explains how children are impacted? (4 pts)
* Do all of the topic sentences in the body paragraph describe a negative or positive parenting style and how it impacts the children? (2 pts)

**Textual examples and direct quotes from the books and short stories:\_\_\_\_/10 pts**

* Does the writer include TEXTUAL EXAMPLES based on detailed and specific scenes from the book or short story? These should include context and setting. (2 pts)
* Does the writer include the title and author of each book or short story in the summary with proper punctuation? (2 pts)
* Does the writer include DIRECT QUOTES with context and background and introduce the speaker of the quote? Does the writer include the audience of the quote and explain what leads up to it? (4 pts)
* Does the writer include specific ACTIONS that the parent or child takes that show their personality or their reactions or motives? (2 pts)

**Statistics and information from the data packet:\_\_\_\_/10 pts**

* Are there TWO to THREE STATISTICS that are numbers, percentages or information, or quotes from the data sources? (3 pts)
* Does the writer explain the document source and include what type of source it is, the year it was published, and what it shows? (2 pts)
* Is each statistic or bit of information connected to a specific character AND a particular style of parenting? (3 pts)
* Are the statistics or information from at least TWO DIFFERENT DATA SOURCES? (2 pts)

**Conclusion:\_\_\_\_/10 pts**

* Does the writer compare all parents in the conclusion? (2 pts)
* Does the writer explain why one style of parenting is better than the other style? (4 pts)
* Does the writer evaluate how each of the children is impacted (harmed or helped) by the parent’s behavior? (4 pts)

**Grammar and language:\_\_\_\_/10 pts**

* Are all sentences complete but not run-ons or fragments? (2 pts)
* Are all apostrophes used for ownership or contractions, not plural nouns or verbs? (2 pts)
* Are the words spelled correctly and capital letters used correctly? (2 pts)
* Does it avoid simple language like good, bad, things, nice, okay and stuff? (2 pts)
* Does the writer avoid personal pronouns like I, me, we, you, and us? (2 pts)